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Here are Jason, Lee,
Jesse and Reanna. They
live in Haines Junction in
the Yukon Territory.





Their school is called St. Elias Community School. They are in grade 2. They are learning about the people who work in their community.



Today they are going on a field trip. They want to find out more about the different jobs that people do. They will visit their parents at work, too.

Jesse's mother works in the school. She is the kindergarten teacher.

Today is Cowboy Day. Everyone is dressed up to look like a cowboy. "Can I help serve the beans for lunch?" asks Jesse.





After lunch they visit some of the other people who work in their school. Can you tell what these people do?



Mr. Riedl is the principal. He tells the children to enjoy their trip.

Lee's father works for the people of the community. Today he is using the steaming machine. The machine melts the ice in the culverts. The culverts help to stop the roads from flooding.



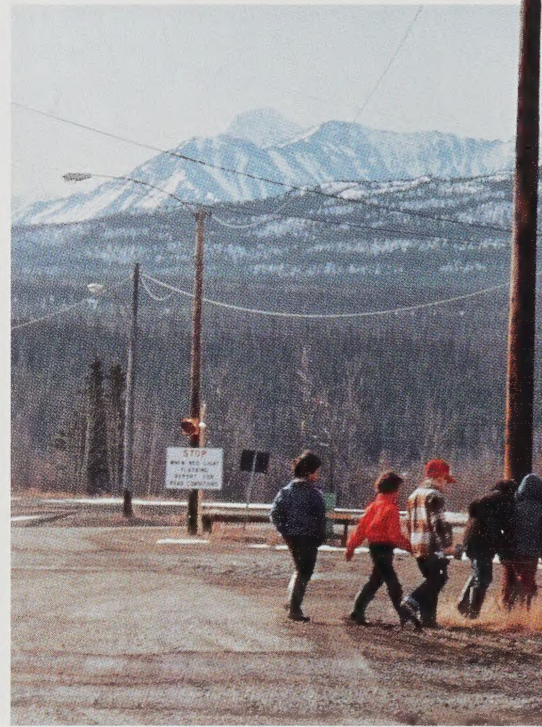


Lee's father tells about other things he does in his job. Sometimes he drives the loader. When there is an accident he drives the ambulance.

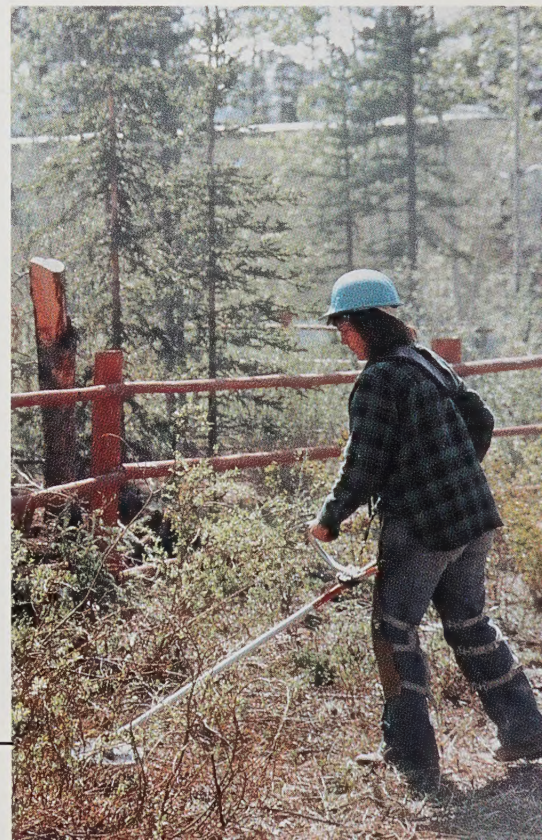
He is a volunteer fireman, too. Lee says, "My dad jumps out of bed really fast when the siren goes at night."



This is the office where Reanna's mother works. She helps other people find jobs.



She says, "Here's how I helped Tisha find a job. First I talked to Tisha to find out what things she does best. Then I told her about places that needed people to work."





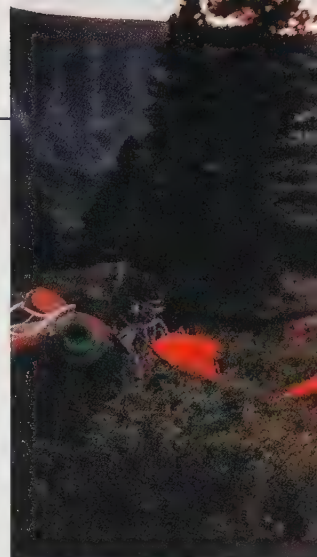
“Now Tisha is helping to clear the bush for the highway,” says Reanna’s mother. “She likes her new job a lot.”

“Other people work on the highway, too,” says Reanna’s mother. “The surveyors help make the highway wider. You’ll see them on your way to the Kluane Park Information Centre.”



Jason's father is waiting for the children at the Information Centre. His job is to make sure the park is ready for visitors. He knows a lot about the park, too. He takes the children inside the Centre.

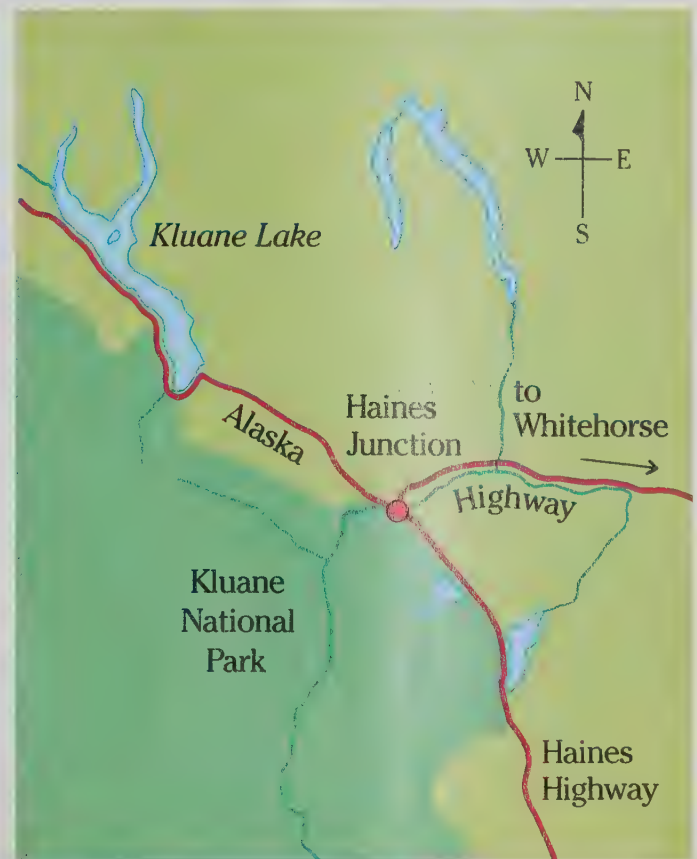
Jason's father says that Kluane Park is a special park. There are so many things to see and do. He says that people come from all over the world to visit the park.





Some people come to camp.
Some people come to climb
mountains.

“Sometimes people have trouble
on the mountains,” says Jason’s
father. “Then the rescue team
goes in a helicopter to help them.”



On some of the mountains are big patches of ice. They are called glaciers. Jason says, "I can see a glacier through this telescope."





“These are the horns of a special kind of sheep that lives in the park,” says Jason’s father. “Other animals live in the park, too. No hunting is allowed.”



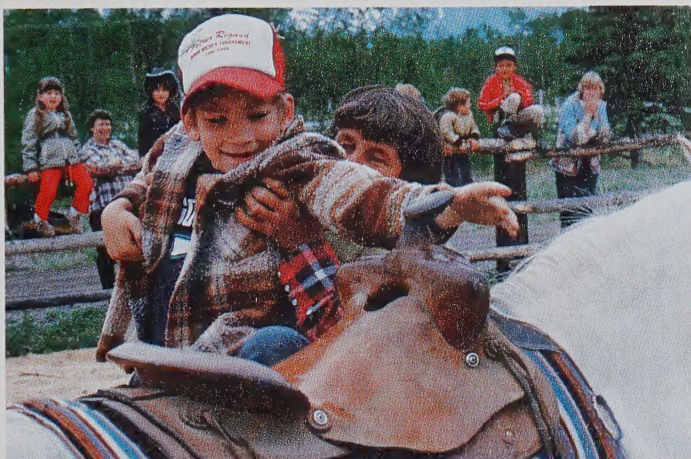
On the way back to school the children stop at the craft shop. The people in the shop are getting ready for the tourists.



"I like these slippers," says Reanna. "Just feel how soft this fur is."



The children would like to go for a horseback ride. Mabel Brewster's place is nearby. She takes people for trail rides.





The children talk about the people they met and the jobs they learned about. There are so many different ways to help in their community!

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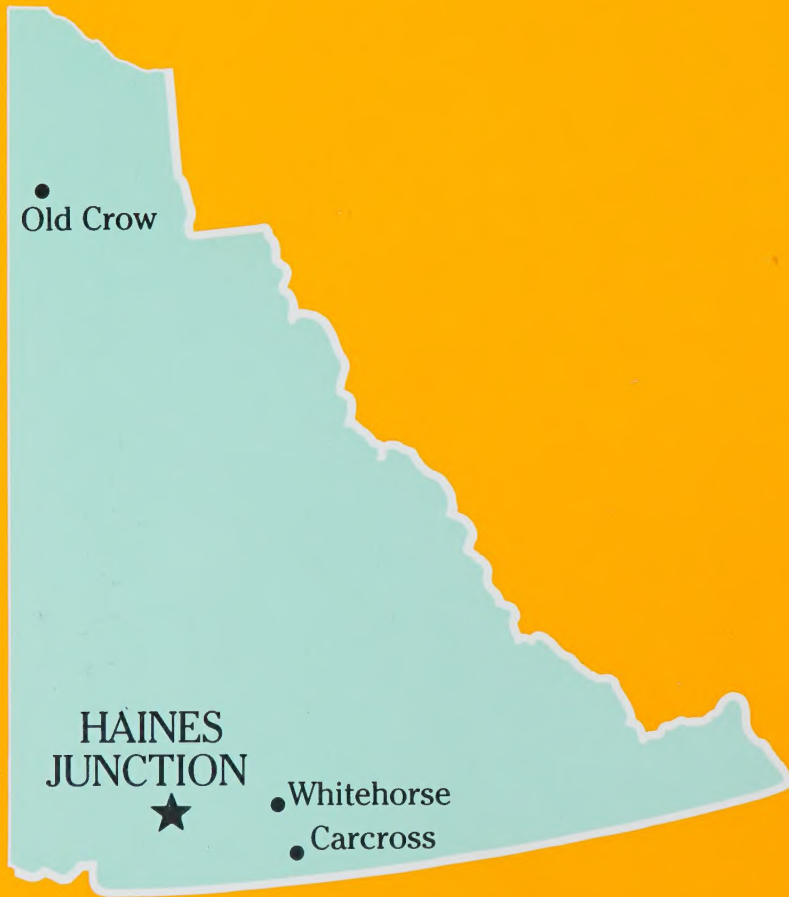
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